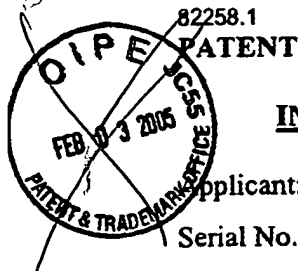


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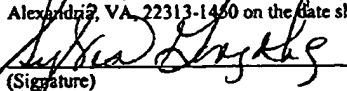
AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant submitted a Notice of Appeal, which was received by the U.S. Patent Office on October 4, 2004. Applicant submits a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination along with this amendment. Accordingly, the time for responding to the Final Office Action now expires on February 4, 2004 and this amendment is timely filed.

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